MAFIA PLOT TO KILL GARRISON VERIFIED

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The Mafia is under contract to kill Jim Garrison, the New Orleans DA investigating the Kennedy assassination. The names of the Mafia men involved are known to state and federal lawmen.

The plot against Garrison was disclosed December 23 in a taped interview between KCBS newsman Hary Morgan and Bill Boxley, an investigator for Garrison. Bozley said the plan to murder Garrison was verified "through California state intelligence services."

The daily press didn't find the interview important enough to report.

Harv Morgan posed the question of motive for the Mafia interest in the death of Garrison. "Is it because, one, I'm asked, the fact that the Mafia was directly involved in the (Kennedy) assassination itself, or they are merely serving a hireling function for someone else?" he asked.

"Well," Boxley replied, "we are inclined to believe that this would be a purely a financial contract--merely a business matter...there's no motivation or emotion involved in this sort of scheme or plot."

Boxley said DA Jim Garrison is "a primary subject now not only for organized crime, but for people who are on, let's say, the lunatic fringe of politics."

On December 14 Harv Morgan got in touch with Garrison's office to pass on an unconfirmed tip about the Mafia gunning for the DA. A subsequent check showed that the names supplied by Morgan correspond with "pretty well-known Mafia structure."

Special police protection was then given to Garrison. Boxley noted that Garrison does not place complete faith in such protection.

"He (Garrison) points out...that the secret service, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency and all of our Armed Forces were unable to prevent the assassination of President Kennedy..." Boxley said.